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C O N F I D E N T I A L DACCA 2048

FOR RSO SPAULDING FROM ADMIN OFFICER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: PERSONAL SECURITY OF AMBASSADOR

1. THREAT AGAINST AMBASSADOR'S LIFE ARRIVED IN A LETTER RECEIVED APRIL 19 THROUGH THE LOCAL POSTAL SYSTEM. IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH, INCREASED PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND OBVIOUS DEFENSIVE MEASURES HAVE BEEN INITIATED AND THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANY IMMINENT GRAVE DANGER. LOCAL POLICE INSPECTOR REGARDS THE LETTER AS THE WORK OF A SOLITARY AMATEUR.

2. THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONCE SUCH PREVIOUS THREAT AGAINST AMBASSADOR AND THAT WAS FIVE MONTHS AGO. IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT GENERAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CLIMATE WE OBSERVE NO RECENT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN EVENTS WHICH WOULD INDICATE AN INCREASE IN DANGER TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.

3. THE PRESENT SITUATION DOES NOT STRIKE US AS BEING CRITICAL AND OUR PROTECTIVE MEASURES APPEAR ADEQUATE. NONETHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE ABSENCE OF A FULL-TIME SECURITY OFFICER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE RSO COULD TRAVEL TO DACCA AND CONSULT WITH PERSONNEL HERE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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4. TEXT OF NOTE TRANSLATED FROM BANGLA FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. MOST CONFIDENTIAL TO MR. UGIN BOSTER, ESQUIRE,
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF U.S.A., DACCA, BANGLADESH. LAST
REMINDER. SIR, YOUR COUNTRY IS RICH, BUT POLITICALLY NOT
DEVELOPED. U.S. LEVERAGE OVER OTHER NATIONS REMAINS SO
LONG AS SHE GIVES AID TO THEM. THERE ARE OTHER FOREIGN
MISSIONS IN BANGLADESH -- BUT THEY DO NOT GO TO THE
UNIVERSITY AND OTHER PLACES LIKE YOU. WE ARE WATCHING WHAT
YOU ARE DOING WITH THIS PUPPET GOVERNMENT (MEANING PRESENT
BD REGIME). BEWARE* LET YOUR MONEY REMAIN AT YOUR HANDS.
YOUR INFLUENCE WILL NOT LAST IN THIS COUNTRY. FOR GOD'S
SAKE PLEASE BEWARE. OTHERWISE YOUR DEATH IS INEVITABLE.
THOUSANDS OF GOVERNMENT (BDG) SECURITY FORCES WILL NOT BE
ABLE TO PROTECT YOU. GOD WILLING, YOURS, BANGLADESH PEOPLE.
UNQUOTE.
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